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Title:

METHOD FOR OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE FUEL TANK

SYSTEM, ESPECIALLY A CRYOTANK SYSTEM AND CORRESPONDING TANK SYSTEM, FOR EXAMPLE, FOR

LIQUID HYDROGEN

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Copies of the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 have already been provided by the International Searching Authority, therefore, duplicate copies are not attached hereto. Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a corresponding foreign Search Report indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.

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Applicants submit herewith an additional foreign Search Report from a

corresponding foreign application and the documents disclosed therein.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 CFR

§1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following

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FR 2 226 615 discloses a container for natural gas.

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